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United States Consulate

Port au Prince 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1846

Rev. A. A. Phelps -

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Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to forward to you, two letters which came to hand yesterday by an American vessel, to the care of J. H. Ayer, and hope they may reach you before your departure for Jamaica. I would gladly have sent you some newspapers, but unfortunately I have none to send. - I have however obtained the loan of two or three, which bring news up to the 5<sup>th</sup> of December. - The total loss of the Steamer Atlantic or Long Island Sound, is the most interesting item, - she was wrecked on Fishers Island on the night of the 27<sup>th</sup> Ult., and thirty eight passengers drowned among whom was the Rev. W. J. Armstrong of New York, whom you may probably know. -

Our navy has taken Tampico, without firing a single gun, and it was reported in New York on the 5<sup>th</sup> of Dec. that Vera Cruz had also fallen into the possession of the Americans - Please make my best regards to Mr. Graves and Dr. Barrett, and tell them that I regret that I have no letters to forward to them.

Very truly your Obedt Servant

J. C. Luther